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REMARKS

Claims 1-79 are pending. Claims 1, 5, 14, 25, 29, 38, 63, 66 and 73 have been amended.

No new subject matter has been added to the application.

Claims 1-48 and 63-77 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. This rejection is respectfully traversed since the amended claims now provide clarity and proper antecedent basis for each claim feature.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon has been reviewed but is not considered material to the patentability of the invention.

No fees are due with this response. However, if an error has been made in the fee calculations, please charge any excess fees due and credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3377 under this general authorization.

It should be noted that the above arguments are directed towards certain patentable distinctions between the claims and the prior art cited. However, the patentable distinctions between the pending claims and the prior art cited are not necessarily limited to those discussed above.

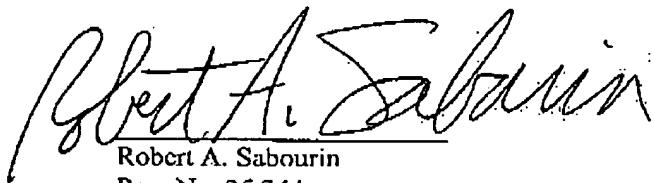
In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, it is respectfully submitted that each rejection of the Office Action has been addressed and overcome so that this application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the application, withdraw the rejections and/or objections, and pass the application to issue. Should

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questions arise during examination, the Examiner is welcome to contact the applicant's attorney as listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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